

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of
Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's
Amateur Radio Service Rules to Eliminate RM - 10786
Morse Code Proficiency Testing Requirements
For All Classes of Amateur Licenses

To: The Commission

Comments Of Ricky Ray Tharrington KD4JRX
I would like the commission to know that I support the dropping of
element one morse code testing for amateur radio licensing. I have been in the
hobby for the past ten years and been very active in ARES has the local skywarn
ec and worked four land fall hurricane from NWS office in Wilmington NC, doing
such time not a single customer of mine ask me to pass traffic via the cw
mode. In fact most of the traffic was passed with clear nose free FM voice mode
and some vhf packet operation. My point is I feel I have contributed just as
much to my community thru public service via amateur radio has the next
operator without knowing morse code. Don't take me wrong I think there should
always be a place in ham radio for CW operation and in any future band plans
also. So what I am asking the commission is to please drop the CW requirements
and let's move ham radio into the future. Least but not last let's keep a
strong license structure in place so we can have good technical persons that
may be able to work with tomorrow's new communications technology's and modes.

Respectfully submitted,
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